

4. The display device according to claim 3 wherein said optical imaging device includes an optical system configured to project an image onto a light sensitive media.

5. The display according to claim 2 wherein said switch platform comprises pressure sensitive switches mounted in proximity to respective edges of said display and configured so that touching at a corner operates a corresponding one of said switches and touching at a midpoint of one of said edges operates a corresponding pair of said switches.

6. The display according to claim 1 wherein said display is mounted on said switch platform, said switch platform, which, in turn, is mounted on an enclosure, wherein said enclosure encompasses at least a portion of said functional device, and said switch platform including pressure sensitive switches positioned to detect pressure applied proximate respective corners of said display.

7. The display according to claim 6 further comprising a pressure sensitive switch positioned to detect pressure applied to a central portion of said display.

8. The display device according to claim 1 wherein said switch platform comprises a plurality of electrical switches mounted adjacent respective edges of said display and a frame mounted to said switches, said frame surrounding said display, said frame and switches configured to detect pressure applied proximate respective corners of said flat panel display.

9. The device according to claim 8 further comprising a pressure sensitive switch positioned to detect pressure applied to a central portion of said display.

10. The display according to claim 1 wherein said display is a rectangular shaped liquid crystal display device.

11. The display device according to claim 2 wherein said electronic control system is configured to cause said display to display a value of a control parameter and to detect an operation of said switch platform to change said value.

12. The display device according to claim 1 wherein said electronic control system is configured to allow a user to selectively position a cursor or said display.

13. A camera comprising:

an optical system configured to project an image onto an imaging platform;

a controller configured to control an operation of said optical system;

a display operable to provide a visual display of parameter values used in conjunction with said optical system; and

a switch platform configured to provide control signals to said controller for selecting said parameter values, said switch platform mounted to detect a touching about a periphery of said display and operational for providing a plurality of discrete output signals to said controller, each indicative of a portion of said periphery at which said touching is detected.

14. The camera according to claim 13 wherein said display is a flat panel display.

15. The camera according to claim 13 wherein said switch platform comprises a plurality of electrical switches mounted adjacent respective edges of said display and a frame mounted to said switches, said frame surrounding said display, said frame and switches configured to detect pressure applied proximate respective edges of said flat panel display.

16. The camera according to claim 15 further comprising a pressure sensitive switch positioned to detect pressure applied to a central portion of said flat panel display.